

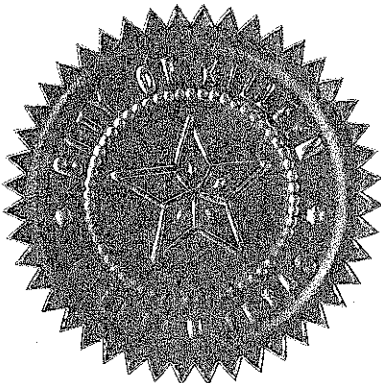


# City of Killeen

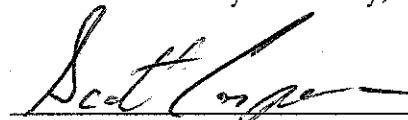
- WHEREAS** Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as Negro History Week and later as Black History Month and National African American History Month; and
- WHEREAS** The 2015 theme, "A Century of Black Life, History and Culture," pays tribute to the 100 years of progress since Carter G. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History in the belief that historical truth could bring a new era of equality, opportunity and racial democracy; and
- WHEREAS** This year also marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery March, which led to the passage of legislation guaranteeing African American citizens their constitutional right to vote; and
- WHEREAS** Leaders like John Lewis, Reverend Hosea Williams, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and countless others believed ardently in equality for all citizens including the right to vote and took action in Selma, Alabama that resonated throughout the nation; and
- WHEREAS** The historical events of Bloody Sunday led to President Lyndon B. Johnson's presentation of a bill to Congress that would be signed into law as the 1965 Voting Rights Act, one of the greatest pieces of civil rights legislation ever passed; and
- WHEREAS** Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act continues to serve as democracy's discrimination checkpoint in protecting millions of voters of African American descent from racial discrimination; and
- WHEREAS** The greatest honor we can pay to labor and sacrifice of the great civil rights leaders whose names we know and the countless thousands whose names we do not is to stand together in unity today dedicated to continuing the never-ending pursuit of equality for all.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Scott Cospers, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Killeen do hereby proclaim February 2015 as a month for remembrance and celebration of:

*Black History Month*



**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Killeen to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2015.

  
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Scott Cospers, MAYOR